GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
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PRASAR BHARATI AND AUTONOMY TO ELECTRONIC MEDIA
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are considering to give autonomy to electronic media under Prasar Bharti;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the prospect of an Autonomy Prasar Bharti?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a) to (d): Prasar Bharati (Broadcasting Corporation of India) is anautonomous Corporation, constituted under the Prasar Bharati (Broadcasting Corporation of India) Act, 1990. The working of Prasar Bharati Corporationis governed by the provisions of this Act. The primary duty of the Corporation is to organise and conduct public broadcasting service to inform, educate and entertain the public and to ensure a balanced development of radio and television broadcasting.